IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A connector comprising:

a generally rectangular card;

a housing having a generally box-shaped housing space for housing said card, said housing space including a first side face, two second side faces adjoining said first side face, and an insert face adjoining said first side face and said second side faces for admitting said inserted card;

wherein said housing has an engaging portion formed along said first side face of said housing space, and a pair of holding portions formed along said second side faces, each of said holding portions having a flexible portion extending along said second side face and elastically deformable outside, and a first lock piece disposed along said flexible portion for covering a portion of said insert face; and a second lock piece generally disposed at right angles to a forefront of the flexible portion for covering a portion of an open surface adjoining the insert face;

whereby said lock pieces are pushed by end edges of said card to open outside when one end side of said card is engaged to said engaging portion and the other end side of said card is turned toward said housing, and said lock pieces lock said card when said card is housed in said housing space.

2. (ORIGINAL) The connector according to claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the end edge of said lock piece which touches said card is chamfered.

3. (ORIGINAL) The connector according to claim 1 or 2, wherein an angle formed between the end edges of said lock pieces and the end edges of said card is 0 degrees or more, and less than 90 degrees.

4. (ORIGINAL) The connector according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the one end side of said card is housed in said housing space and the other end side of said card is not housed in said housing space when one end side of said card is engaged to said engaging portions.

5. (ORIGINAL) The connector according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said holding portions enclose said housing space.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A housing comprising:

a generally box-shaped housing space for housing a generally rectangular card, said housing space including a first side face, two second side faces adjoining said first side face, and an insert face adjoining said first side face and said second side faces for admitting said inserted card;

an engaging portion formed along said first side face of said housing space;

a pair of holding portions formed along said second side faces, each of said holding portions having a flexible portion extending along said second side face and elastically deformable outside, and a first lock piece disposed along said flexible portion for covering a portion of said insert face; and a second lock piece generally disposed at right angles to a forefront of the flexible portion for covering a portion of an open surface adjoining the insert face;

~~whereby said~~ lock pieces are pushed by end edges of said card to open outside when one end side of said card is engaged to said engaging portion and the other end side of said card is turned toward said housing, and said lock pieces lock said card when said card is housed in said housing space.

7. (ORIGINAL) The housing according to claim 6, wherein at least a portion of the end edge of said lock piece which touches said card is chamfered.

8. (ORIGINAL) The housing according to claim 6 or 7, wherein said card is substantially identical in shape to said insert face.

9. (ORIGINAL) The housing according to claim 6 or 7, wherein said flexible portion is elastically deformable in a direction perpendicular to the turning direction of said card.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for connecting a connector having a generally rectangular card, and a housing having a generally box-shaped

housing space for housing said card, said housing space including a first side face, two second side faces adjoining said first side face, and an insert face adjoining said first side face and said second side faces for admitting said inserted card, said housing having an engaging portion formed along said first side face of said housing space, and a pair of holding portions formed along said second side faces, each of said holding portions having a flexible portion extending along said second side face and elastically deformable outside, and a first lock piece disposed along said flexible portion for covering a portion of said insert face, and a second lock piece generally disposed at right angles to a forefront of the flexible portion for covering a portion of an open surface adjoining the insert face, the method comprising steps of:

engaging one end side of said card to said engaging portion;

turning the other end side of said card toward said housing so as to push said lock pieces with end edges of said card and open said lock pieces outside; and

housing said card in said housing space so as to lock said card with said lock pieces.